

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Garman

Application No.: 10/720,769

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Title: HOT BEVERAGE MAKER WITH

CUP-ACTUATED LOW DRIP

DISPENSER

Attorney Docket No.: HAMBE 135

Group Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: Reginald Alexander

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2005. A two month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

At present, all of claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Weidman in view of Lee. Applicant submits that the Weidman and Lee references are not entitled to the broad interpretation relied upon by the Examiner. Applicant further believes that the combination of Weidman and Lee is not appropriate. For one or more of the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.